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Senate approves bill to rename U.S. 31 structure Veterans Memorial Bridge

LANSING — The Senate today unanimously approved renaming a bridge in Ottawa County in honor of American veterans, Sen. Wayne Kuipers, R-Holland, announced.

Kuipers sponsored Senate Bill 1179, which would rename a Grand Haven bridge “Veterans Memorial Bridge.” The bridge is located along U.S. 31 between Jackson Street and the M-104 exit.

During a hearing on his bill, Kuipers welcomed Patrick McGinnis, Grand Haven’s city manager, and K.D. Kelly and James de Spelder of American Legion Post 28 in Grand Haven, to observe the proceedings.

“I’m proud to see this measure get the support of all senators,” Kuipers said. “While this is a relatively small gesture, I’m glad to be able to work with Grand Haven leaders to honor area veterans. They are the ones who have truly sacrificed to guarantee our freedoms.”

The measure now moves to the House of Representatives for consideration.

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A photo of Kuipers and the three from Ottawa County during their visit is available at:
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